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Sir:

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Japanese Utility Model Application No. 63-104940 appears to disclose an air conditioner having a plurality of flaps interlocked each other.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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